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COLLINS MAY GIVE WAY TO TALLEY ON TAMMANY SLATE

BRITISH HOPE STILL STRONG THAT PEACE IS NEAR

Belief General in London That Irish Dail Will Present Some Plan That Can Be Made Acceptable.

Anyhow, Possibility of Truce Being Broken Is Regarded as Unthinkable, but No Chances Are Taken.

Dial Eireann Is in Private Session and May Suggest Plebiscite or an Agreement With Ulster.

LONDON, Aug. 18. (Associated Press.)—Opinion with regard to the Irish situation was still being expressed today in British official circles, where it was indicated that attitude was considered justifiable in the face of definite rejection of the Government's terms, by action of the Dail Eireann. It was added that the reports from Dublin furnished scant basis for such a view.

It was commented that Eamon de Valera's uncompromising statements of the last few days seemed to indicate he was not yet convinced of British sincerity in the peace offer, but officials were reluctant to believe that an offer, which to them appears so generous, would be rejected outright. The opinion obtained in official quarters, it was indicated, that the Irish leaders are still playing for time and increased prestige at home and abroad as the result of the formal opening of the Dail Eireann and its businesslike conduct of affairs, and to this there is no objection, from London, if it proves to mean the continuance of the negotiations.

As to the truce being broken and the war of a month ago resumed, officials stated that in their view there was not a chance of such a thing occurring.

DUBLIN, Aug. 18. (Associated Press.)—The peace negotiations between the British Government and the Irish Republican leaders were not mentioned during the morning's secret session of the Dail Eireann, or Irish Republican Parliament, it was announced officially this afternoon.

It is pointed out that the possibility exists something may pass between the Mansion House in Dublin and Downing Street in London, there being hope in some quarters that Mr. de Valera's speech of yesterday, with its pointed references to Ulster, will arouse Premier Lloyd George or the Belfast authorities to action.

It is this does not come to pass the political forecasters also the view that the Dail will either send a considered reply to Mr. Lloyd George's letter, announce its decision to submit the question to a plebiscite, or ask the Government whether it will agree to give Ireland Dominion Home Rule of the kind outlined in the recent letter of General Smuts.

The discipline of the Irish Republic.

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WITNESS DECLARES BRONX DETECTIVE SHOT AT LAZZARO

Haggerty Held Without Bail and Suspended From Police Force by Enright.

VICTIM IN HOSPITAL.

Palazzo, Comrade of Wounded Man, Tells of Attempt to Exact a Bribe.

Detective Jeremiah Haggerty of the Seventh District, assigned to the Wakened Station, was today locked up in the Bronx County Jail without bail after being identified by Joseph Palazzo of No. 224 East 14th Street as having shot and probably mortally wounded Joseph LaZZaro of No. 229 East 14th Street last Tuesday morning after representing himself as a revenue officer and failing to obtain a demanded bribe of \$500. Haggerty has been suspended by Commissioner Enright.

LaZZaro is in Fordham Hospital with a bullet wound completely through his abdomen. Haggerty was taken before him at 1 o'clock this morning by Capt. Wines and Detective William I. Fallon and lined up with several other detectives, but the wounded man failed to identify Haggerty as his assailant.

When Haggerty was arraigned this forenoon before Magistrate Simms in West Farms Court Assistant District Attorney Dobbs informed the court that he had known the detective for eighteen years and that his record was without blemish, but added that a witness had been found who stated that he too knew Haggerty and that he had seen him walk away from the scene of the shooting immediately after the firing of the shot. Fallon stated that this witness had said that the police should not have much difficulty in discovering who did the shooting as he saw Haggerty walking away from it.

Haggerty has made a complete denial of knowledge of the shooting, saying that he was a victim of false identification. His attorney, Samuel Goldstein, said that he would talk with his client about getting out a writ of habeas corpus between now and Saturday, when the case will be called again in the West Farms Court. At the hospital it was said that LaZZaro had scarcely a chance to survive.

The story of the shooting as told by Palazzo is that he and LaZZaro attended a party at the home of the latter's father-in-law, Joseph Palazzo, No. 806 East 21st Street, on Monday night and when they left they brought away a gallon can of red wine. At the Gun Hill station of the White Plains extension a man representing himself as a revenue officer and displaying a shield questioned them about the contents of the can and after they boarded a train arrested them.

While they were on their way to White Plains station, Palazzo said, that the officer tried to open the can and failing to do this fired a pistol shot through it. A little later he offered to settle the matter for \$500, but LaZZaro replied that he didn't have any money, whereupon the officer turned to Palazzo and asked how much he had. Palazzo had \$3 and, thus, he said, the officer took.

The next thing Palazzo said he knew was that he saw LaZZaro bending over the can; there was a shot and his friend crumpled up on the ground. Then the officer walked away.

Haggerty has been eighteen years on the force and is twentieth on the list awaiting promotion to the grade of sergeant. He is married, has four children, is forty-three years old and lives at No. 4516 Park Avenue, the Bronx.

Council of the League Meets Aug. 20.

PARIS, Aug. 18. (Associated Press.)—The special meeting of the Council of the League of Nations to take up the question of Upper Silesia, referred to it by the Allied Supreme Council, will be held in Geneva beginning Aug. 20. The call was sent out to-day.

SAID THAT MURPHY WILL PUT TALLEY ON REVISED SLATE

Uprou Following the Turn-down of the Judge Said to Have Impressed the Boss.

TO SIDETRACK COLLINS.

Irish Societies Believed to Be Strong Influence That Led to Switch.

Alarmed by the public resentment aroused by the turn-down of Judge Albert J. Talley for a nomination for the General Sessions bench, Charles F. Murphy has decided to place him on the ticket, according to a report from a source that should be authentic, which reached The Evening World to-day. The story goes that Cornelius F. Collins, who was substituted for Judge Talley at the last minute of making up the ticket, will withdraw and that Judge Talley's name will be placed on the slate before Aug. 26, when the time for withdrawals and substitutions expires.

The election of Justice Newburger on an independent ticket after Tammany had denied him a renomination was a lesson that Murphy did not disregard, according to The Evening World's information, although he did not anticipate that the rejection of Judge Talley would cause such an uproar. Furthermore, the outspoken opposition to Justice Collins, who is now on the Special Sessions bench, voiced by various Irish societies and individuals has had its effect.

Opposition to Judge Talley on the part of certain Irish interests which are at war with the extremists was, it is said, really responsible for the refusal to give him the nomination. It appears that the boss has decided that the opposition of this clique will be less damaging in the election than the enmity of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and kindred organizations, all of which are strong for Judge Talley.

AUTO TRUCK HITS S. M. HITCHCOCK; KNOCKS HIM FLAT

U. S. Commissioner Has Narrow Escape in Park Row, Returning From Luncheon.

United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock narrowly escaped death under the wheels of an automobile truck, the mud guard of which struck his arm and knocked him flat in Park Row at the corner of Beekman Street at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The driver of the truck, Patrick Gaffney, No. 1012 Park Avenue, in an effort to avoid striking Commissioner Hitchcock, swerved sharply and struck and knocked down Peter Morris, forty-nine years old, a waiter of No. 245 West 43rd Street, whose face and forehead were badly lacerated.

Commissioner Hitchcock was returning to the Federal Building from luncheon when Gaffney's truck struck him. The rear wheel passed so close to his face that it snatched off his eyeglasses. But for Gaffney's quick turn the Commissioner would have been crushed.

The injured men were treated by a Volunteer Hospital ambulance surgeon at a Park Row drug store. Both refused to go to the hospital. Commissioner Hitchcock walked to his office and opened court. He said he was badly shaken up but did not think he had suffered any serious injury.

CRAIG SHOWS THAT \$22,000,000 CHARGED ON CITY IS STATE TAX AND SHOULD NOT BE IN BUDGET

A "Fictitious Charge," but Under the Charter It Must Be Included When Tax Levy Is Being Prepared.

Ex-Senator Brown, in a Brief, Makes Point at Meyer Committee That City's Tax Method Is an Evasion of the Law.

Declares Budget Should Be Made Up on Basis of Previous Year Figures Rather Than Assumption of Future.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig and former Senator Elton R. Brown went into a hammer and tongs debate over the legality of the 1921 tax levy and the proper figure of the debt limit today before the Legislative Committee in New York City.

The relation of witness and examination was suspended. Mr. Craig questioned Mr. Brown as much at length and as sharply as Mr. Brown questioned him. Both made addresses in substance and manner as though they were addressing the Court of Appeals—the only body, lawyers among the spectators observed, which can give a decision on the question at issue between them.

Their difference was that Mr. Craig believes the constitutional and Charter limitations as to the debt and taxes on the city are to be based on the assessment rolls of the current year, presented to the Board of Aldermen early in March.

Mr. Brown holds that the Constitution and Charter mean the limit is to be based on the "last assessment roll" on which taxes were actually paid the preceding fall.

WAVED ON CHARGE OF EXCESS DEBT.

Mr. Brown seemed to the spectators to have withdrawn his sentiments of criminal indictment of waste and conspiracy to violate the law and to have substituted for it an equity action to establish the law for the guidance of future generations. The audience was not demonstrative during the debate, though it showed interest when Mr. Craig insisted that the tax should not exceed 2 per cent. of the assessed valuation, "to protect the fellow who owns property from being crushed by the burden of taxes." Mr. Brown said it was nothing of the sort but that it was meant to bar the administrations from extravagance. Mr. Craig waxed sarcastic. He said: "I think, where you made your error was this, Senator. You assumed that when the Department of Taxes and Assessments sent that assessment roll to the Board of Aldermen on the first of March, as required by the Charter, that they had something further to do with it, that

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HOPS ARE GROWING FOR 15,000,000,000 BOTTLES OF BEER

Farmers Speed Up, Expecting Jump in Price if Congress Legalizes Home Brew.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Nearly 32,000,000 pounds of hops, enough to produce 15,000,000,000 bottles of beer, will be harvested in the United States this year, the Department of Agriculture forecasts.

Home brewing is on the increase, official reports seemed to indicate, as Congress worked over an amendment to the Anti-Beer Bill believed to legalize beer making.

Farmers are spending time and labor to increase the hop harvest in New York, California, Washington and Oregon. Hops will sell for nearly \$1 a pound, it is forecast, if the amendment goes through.

16 ARE INJURED IN TROLLEY CRASH ON AMSTERDAM AV.

Auto Making Wide Turn Holds Up South Bound Car, Other Smashes Into It.

WOMAN BADLY HURT.

Fifteen Others Treated by Surgeons in Police Station Near the Scene.

Sixteen passengers were injured in a trolley and collision between two southbound cars in Amsterdam Avenue between 153d and 152d Streets at two o'clock this afternoon. The injured were treated by ambulance surgeons Kenny and White of Knickerbocker Hospital in the West 152d Street Station House at Amsterdam Avenue. All were able to go to their homes, but Mrs. Carmine Roman, of No. 875 Elton Avenue was sent to the hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

Motorman Daniel Walker, on the first car, was compelled to make an emergency stop in the middle of the block below 153d Street by an automobile which made a wide turn coming north from 152d Street and ran on the southbound track. Right behind was a car driven by Motorman Thomas Hart. Both cars were crowded.

Hart was unable to stop his car and it crashed into the other. The front platform of Hart's car and the rear platform of the first car were crumpled up. Standing passengers in the second car were thrown to the floor. Most of the injured were in this car.

The crash of the collision and the screams of the injured were heard by Lieut. John Tiernan on duty in the station house, and detectives Kraus and Orndsen. They led the rescuers to the wreck and helped out the passengers, many of whom were hysterical.

The injured were carried or assisted to the Station House. The list follows:

Esther Roister, 34, No. 473 West 153d Street, back wrenched.
Marelda Nevins, 35, No. 243 East 126th Street, dislocated right shoulder, lacerations of head.
Tony Pato, forty-five, of No. 775 Melrose Avenue, lacerations of forehead.

Helien Max, fifty, No. 631 West 171st Street, lacerations of head.
Edward Martin, thirty-five, of No. 244 East 124th Street, lacerations of scalp.

Mrs. Samuel Miller, thirty-five, No. 553 West 164th Street, lacerations of lip and chin.

Bertha Peters, forty-five, of No. 521 West 186th Street, abrasions of right arm, lacerations of scalp.

Mrs. O. McKenna, thirty-six, No. 10 Sherman Avenue, back injured.

Herbert Razzell, twenty-eight, No. 2032 Amsterdam Avenue, lacerations of mouth.

Margaret McKenna, seventeen, No. 10 Sherman Avenue, injured left shoulder.

Abraham Lachowitz, thirty-one, No. 60 Union Avenue, Bronx, teeth knocked out.

Morris Levitt, twenty-nine, No. 109 East 144th Street, mouth cut.

William Kieatinsky, forty-one, of No. 410 East 75th Street, jaw broken.

Mrs. John Pound, fifty-four, of No. 126 Sherman Avenue, left shoulder "cut."

Rhema Suler, 37, No. 51 Beach Street, Eastchester, Long Island, lacerations of both knees.

ARMY SHOES SOLD AT 8.45 A PAIR.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Sale of 200,000 pairs of shoes was announced by the War Department today. Buyers from a score of states paid from \$1.45 to \$2.37 per pair for the shoes.

S. S. Berengaria sails.

The Canadian Berengaria, formerly the Imperator, sailed today with 1,000 passengers, among whom was Mrs. Schol Morris, U. S. Minister to Sweden.

ANSELL, HUNT AND CRESSON CONSPIRED TO FREE BERGDOLL, CHARGE OF INVESTIGATORS

Demand Disbarment of Former Acting Judge Advocate General, the "Master Mind"—Want E. B. Wood Removed From Federal Service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Samuel Tilden Ansell, former Acting Judge Advocate General of the Army and of the prisoner's legal counsel, Col. John L. Hunt and Col. C. C. Cresson were charged with conspiracy in connection with the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the draft evader, in a report signed by three of the five members of a special investigating committee, filed to-day with the House.

Characterizing Ansell as "the master mind" in the plan by which Bergdoll was released from a military prison under guard to dig up a pot of gold, the majority report recommended that he be disbarred from practicing in the courts of the Nation "above whose safety and integrity he has placed gold."

A minority report filed at the same time held, however, that there was no testimony to support the charge that Ansell, through whose efforts as counsel the prisoner was released, "conspired to effectuate his escape," or that his motive was improper.

One Republican—Representative Lott of Indiana—and two Democrats, Johnson of Kentucky and Flood of Virginia, signed the majority report. The minority views were presented by Chairman Peters, Maine, and Representative McArthur, Oregon, Republicans. The majority finding is the first of the many investigating reports submitted to the House since the close of the war where a Republican member joined with Democrats and enabled them to file majority views.

HOLD HUNT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESCAPE.

The majority held that Col. Hunt, Commandant of the barracks at Governor's Island, was directly responsible for the slacker's escape through failure to handcuff him or to provide an adequate guard. The minority, after declaring that no officer of the army "knowingly participated in the conspiracy," found "grave dereliction of duty on the part of Hunt."

As a basis for its criticism of Col. Cresson, the majority report said that "as ugly as are the many phases of the whole matter, none is more defensible than the conduct of Col. Cresson in his pretense of prosecution of Col. Hunt," tried by court martial in connection with the Bergdoll scandal. No reference to Cresson was made by the minority.

Major Bruce R. Campbell, accused by Bergdoll's mother of having accepted \$5,000 to help obtain freedom for the prisoner, was exonerated by the majority. The minority reported that there was no evidence that Campbell was in any way connected with the escape, but assumed the proper military authorities could "institute such investigation as may be necessary to the end that Campbell may be exonerated if not found guilty."

Dismissal from the Department of Justice of Earl R. Wood, in charge of correspondence in the Bergdoll case, for failure to transmit to the War Department warning from a special agent that the prisoner was planning to escape, was recommended by the majority.

NO IMPROPER MOTIVE CHARGED TO GENERAL HARRIS.

Major Gen. Peter C. Harris, Adjutant General of the Army, who authorized Hunt to send Bergdoll under guard to the Maryland mountains to search for the gold, was charged by the minority with "primary responsibility for the situation which made possible the escape. Asserting that Gen. Harris did not attempt to evade responsibility, the majority held there was "no question of improper motive on his part," adding it was "apparent his mind was readily overcome by the strong statement of Ansell."

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Brig. Gen. SAMUEL T. ANSELL.

BRITAIN'S NAVY MUST EQUAL ANY

Lloyd George Tells Commons England Can Be Second to None.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The British Empire must have a naval force equal to that of any other country, Lloyd George said in the House of Commons this afternoon.

"It was agreed that the Imperial Conference that the British navy must be second to none," Lloyd George added. The Premier's remarks were greeted with loud cheers.

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MAY ARREST RICKARD FOR SHOWING FIGHT.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—A Department of Justice agent today was sent to a downtown hotel to question Tex Rickard, promoter of the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, about the branding of the fight film from New York to Chicago.

An arrest may follow, Col. John V. Clinton, assistant United States Marshal, Attorney said.

Rickard showed the film to a would-be buyer at a Government hospital here last night.